

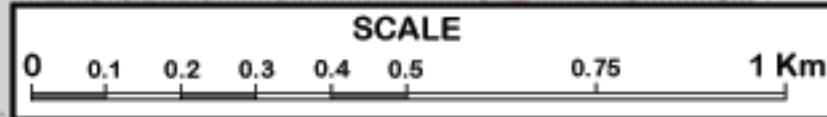


Cairhead
Ae Forest District

RESTOCKING PLAN

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- ### Cairhead FDP Key Design Objectives
- Expand the habitat suited to Red squirrel.
 - Improve the visual amenity of the forest, particularly when viewed from the Southern upland Way and the Striding Arches.
 - Increase the diversity of productive and unproductive species.
 - Protect and encourage the expansion of the area of native woodland species.
 - Increase the amount of open space within the forest.

Because of the domed nature of the hills lowering the upper margins will only slightly improve the views from the Southern Upland Way, but the feathering of the woodland edge will create a less intimidating forest.

The upper margins next to open hilltops will be planted at a lower stocking density. This will significantly increase forest edge habitat and consequently the biodiversity potential of the whole block.

The links to neighbouring plantations over the saddles will be maintained in the next rotation.

The areas around screes and unplatable rocky outcrops will be planted with pine. These areas will become permanent habitats within the forest.

Steep rocky outcrops, particularly on the upper slopes will be planted with Scots pine at varying densities.

The top of Martour hill will be left unplanted, the upper margin of conifers will include large areas of open space. This open will develop into a matrix calluna spp, cotton grasses and other moorland species particularly suitable for Black grouse.

The small area of broadleaves beside the Glenjuan burn will be enhanced by planting clumps of native species along this valley.

Only the lower slopes of Cairhead forest are below 300m and so suitable for broadleaf planting. In some of the more sheltered valleys broadleaf planting will be extended further up the hillside.

KEY		Proposed sites for Striding Arches.		Area for which Approval is sort	
	Sitka spruce		Sitka spruce / Lodgepole pine		HGV access point
	Larch		25% Broadleaves / open space		FDP Viewpoint
	Norway spruce		50% Broadleaves / open space		Watercourses
	Groups of Norway spruce in 50% open space		Scots pine / broadleaves		Forest Roads
	Scots pine		Mixed broadleaves / mixed conifers		Proposed Roads
	Sitka spruce/larch		Managed open space		Southern Upland Way
	Scots pine/larch				300m contour
	Lodgepole pine				Other FCS woodland
					Private forestry